City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board

February 19, 2009

MINUTES

"WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS"

Meeting Held at:	Mailing Address is:	
City Administration Building	City of San Diego	
202 C Street	Park and Recreation Director	
Committee Room, 12 th Floor	202 C Street, MS 37C	
San Diego, California 92101	San Diego, California 92101	

Members Present	Members Absent	City Staff Present
Michael Stepner Acting Chair	Norman Greene	Stacey LoMedico
Ginny Barnes	Evonne Schulze	Patty Jencks
Bruce Brown	Wilbur Smith, Chair	Kimberly Davies
Rick Bussell		Gus Button
William Diehl		Jo-Ann Novak
Vicki Granowitz		
Roz King		
Olivia Puentes-Reynolds		

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> – The Acting Chair Mr. Stepner called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2009

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Granowitz /Mr. Bussell

A motion was made by Ms. Granowitz and seconded by Mr. Bussell to approve the revised January 19, 2009 meeting minutes. Vote was unanimous with Mr. Brown abstaining.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

<u>Consent</u> At this time the Board may consider adoption of one or more items on the adoption agenda as "Consent" items.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Bussell/Mr. Brown

A motion was made by Mr. Bussell to move Item 101 to the Consent Agenda and to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Ms. Barnes, Ms. King and Ms. Puentes-Reynolds did not vote for the motion. Motion did not pass.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Area Committee Community Parks I

- Ms. Barnes reported that the Committee is focusing on fees.

Area Committee Community Parks II

- Ms. King reported the General Development Plan for Sunshine Bernadini Field was approved with the following contingency:
 - Neighborhood Park should be added to the name.
 - Fences to be removable around the baseball field.
 - Baseball specific items should be erected by using outside funding sources.
 - The Committee would like presentations that offer cost saving alternatives, and staging in development. The Committee is concerned about the high cost of completion of the design phase.
- The Committee would like clarification on how projects are prioritized, and requested a list of unfunded needs projects.
- The Committee discussed fees.
- Ms. Puentes-Reynolds suggested combining the Community Parks I and II meetings for the next six months.

Balboa Park Committee

- Ms. Granowitz provided the Board Members with a compact disk (CD) that contains the information that came out of: The Soul of San Diego, The Future of Balboa Park Funding Management and Governance, and all documents that were reviewed by the Committee.
- Nine people showed up for a non-agenda item regarding community gardens in Balboa Park. Ms. Granowitz referred this item to City staff.
- The Committee for the Survey on 2015 Celebration for Balboa Park is outreaching to the public for their input.
- An Atlas Missile application has been presented to the City of San Diego Development Services Department, but Park and Recreation Department staff has not seen the application.

Design Review Committee – No report

Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens' Advisory Committee – The trail that leads down from Camino Ruiz Neighborhood Park down to Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve will start construction within the next couple of weeks, and is expected to be completed at the end of March 2009.

Mission Bay Park Committee

- Mr. Bussell was pleased to announce Stacy McKenzie as the new District Manager for Mission Bay Park.
- It was reported that January through December 2008 property damage crime rate dropped in Mission Bay Park. The drop in crime is credited to the use of reflected vest that make staff more visible.
- Currently, the Committee is planning for spring break.

- Lifeguard's received a new boat from a grant from the California Department of Boating and Waterways.
- The California Department of Boating and Waterways staff are helping with the mooring of boats to be inspected, to ensure all boats are usable water craft.
- The Committee discovered that Stay Classy charity event may be different then what is on the permit.
- Ms. Judy Swink has been given authority to sign-off on letters of support on behalf of the Committee for projects such as: River Park Conservatory, the San Diego Bike Coalition and other activities.
- The Permit Process Subcommittee discovered that there may be some confusion from the public and City staff on the permit process. This Committee will come up with a list of suggestions that may be presented at the next Mission Bay Park Committee meeting.
- Gregg Peterson Chair of the Safety Committee will have a meeting on March 10, 2009 on improving safety within Mission Bay.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee – No report

Tecolote Canyon Citizens' Advisory Committee – No report

Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Committee

Ms. Barnes reported that the Committee is looking at the general design criteria for asphalt parking lots that require a certain number of trees, but the flying community requires no trees due to safety issues.

<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> (Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable.)

- Ms. Anne S. Fege and Ms. Kay Stewart presented a PowerPoint presentation on Wildfire Risk Reduction (Ms. LoMedico stated the Brush Management Program will come to the Park and Recreation Board after the Fiscal Year regarding lessons learned, etc. She will have staff notify Ms. Fege and Ms. Stewart when it is on docket.
- Ms. Granowitz distributed the Public Budget Hearing meeting schedule to the Park and Recreation Board Members.
- Ms. Puentes-Reynolds asked who would like to join the subcommittee on revising the Park and Recreation Board Policies. Ms. Barnes agreed to join the subcommittee depending on the date and time of these meetings. Ms. Puentes-Reynolds requested one more volunteer.

<u>ACTING CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u> – No report

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms. LoMedico announced that the Board Members should be receiving invitations in the mail for the following ribbon cutting ceremonies occurring in the month March:
 - Vista Terrace Neighborhood Park Playground
 - o Hilltop Community Park Children's Playground

- Naming Dedication of Rose Marie Starns South Shores Park in Mission Bay Park.
- o Miramar College Joint Use Field House Grand Opening.
- The March Park and Recreation Board meeting will include a fund-raising donation report as requested, and Real Estate Assets Department will try to come to provide an update on the revised Wireless Communications Council Policy.
- The Park and Recreation Department staff will be providing a second update on the Golf Five Year Plan at Natural Resources and Cultural Committee (NR&C) next Wednesday, February 25, 2009.
- Ms. LoMedico provided the Board Members with a memorandum on Community Gardens on City Property dated February 13, 2009. Currently, there is a six month moratorium on community gardens until the City Planning and Community Investment Department, and Park and Recreation Department staff has developed guidelines for the development of community gardens on City-owned property.
- Park and Recreation Department is continuing with water conservation efforts.
- Based upon the Park Board's previous recommendation the Department staff meet with the Girls Club's Director, several Department staff and Real Estate Assets staff meet in December. There was a request for additional information/documentation from the Club, staff is reviewing that now.
- The San Diego Youth Symphony was a wonderful event. This event was in honor of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture Commission, and the Park and Recreation Department. Attending were Board Members Mr. Stepner, and Ms. Granowitz. Ms. LoMedico displayed a plaque from this event, and three plaques from the American Public Works Association for projects of the year, and one honor project.
- Buick Invitational was a great success. The Professional Golf Association (PGA) called Mr. Jon Maddern, Deputy Director of Golf, and told him the turf at the course was the best they've seen in six years.
- The April 21, 2009 Park and Recreation Board meeting will be held at the Balboa Park's War Memorial Building Auditorium will be a budget meeting. Ms. LoMedico stressed that if there is not a quorum for this meeting, there will not be enough time to re-schedule before the public hearing on the budget Proposed Fiscal Year 2010.
- Park and Recreation staff assisted the City's lifeguards with the hauling and disposal of a 40 foot/30 ton whale last weekend.
- An update on the Myrtle Street Pergola Project which has been in the Department's Capital Improvements Program since Fiscal Year 2005. Funds have been identified in Fiscal Year 2009 in the amount of \$300,000. If the Board Members would like more information on this pergola they should contact Mr. Smith and Ms. Novak to have placed as an agenda item for a future meeting.
- Mr. David Hargrove, Recreation Center Director III of Willie Henderson, pasted away suddenly last Saturday, February 14, 2009 while surfing. Mr. Hargrove worked for the City of San Diego for more than 40 years.

Ms. Barnes asked how to remove the pergola project from the Capital Improvements Projects list. Ms. LoMedico stated that the Park and Recreation Director in conjunction with the Council

Office issue a 1472. The 1472 would need to be processed during mid year or the start of budget process that starts on April 15, 2009. Ms. Barnes will contact Mr. Smith and Ms. Novak to get this item on as an Action Item on the March Park and Recreation Board Agenda.

Ms. Barnes would like Real Estate Assets Department to provide information on exclusive and non-exclusive agreements. (Ms. Barnes will contact the Park and Recreation Department Director for some language so this may be placed on the agenda as an Action Item or Informational Item.)

ACTION ITEM

101. <u>Linda Vista Terrace Park Approval of General Development Plan and Park Name</u> Change

Mr. Button, Project Manager of Engineering and Capital Projects Department, Architectural Engineering and Parks Division was looking for approval of the General Development Plan for the Linda Vista Terrace Park and for approval of a name change from Uniti on the Hill Park to Edward Tyler Cramer Neighborhood Park.

It was requested that a discussion on maintenance cost for parks be put on the agenda at a future Park and Recreation Board meeting or workshop.

Mr. Stepner the Acting Chair received speaker slips from: Mr. Jeff Perwin, Mr. John Howard, Mr. Doug Beckham and Mr. Richard Lamprecht who were all in favor of Item 101. Mr. Beckham was the only one who spoke, commenting on what a great and hard worker Mr. Edward Tyler Cramer was for a community he didn't live in.

MOTION: MOVED/APPROVE Mr. Bussell/Mr. Brown

A motion was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the General Development Plan for Linda Vista Terrace Park and the name change to Edward Tyler Cramer Neighborhood Park with the amendment to remove the word Neighborhood. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATION ITEMS

201. Park and Recreation Department Fee Schedule

Ms. Jencks, Business Manager, Park and Recreation Department provided a PowerPoint presentation on an overview of the Department's and a potential fee policy under City Council consideration. Ms. Jencks distributed the current Park and Recreation Department Fee Schedule Effective July 1, 2005.

Ms. LoMedico provided the Park and Recreation Board members with the Proposed General Fund User Fee Policy memorandum dated February 12, 2009 from Mary Lewis, Chief Financial Officer to Members of the Budget and Finance Committee and Members of the City Council. She distributed a February 18, 2009 memorandum issued by the Department regarding Groups Using Park and Recreation Facilities During Non-Hours of

Operation. Ms. LoMedico stated that in Fiscal Year 2004 recreation centers were reduced from 65-hours per week to 48-hours. The City Council asked the Director of Park and

Recreation at that time to "Grandfather" some groups in. Some groups were permitted to have their programs at park facilities while closed without collecting the Non-Hours of Operation Fee (NHO). The Director cannot waive fees, and it is not stated in the resolution to waive fees, the policy will be discontinued. This memorandum is to notifying all Park and Recreation staff that as of July 1, 2009 all groups, except Department sponsored events, using park and recreation facilities shall be charged as stated in the Park and Recreation Department's Fee Schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Barnes and Ms. Linda Juhasz provided the Park and Recreation Board with a draft information sheet on possible new fees. The information presented was the result of community outreach with members from both Community Parks I and Community Parks II. Meetings took place each month starting in November 2008 through February 2009.

The Park and Recreation Board Members comments and suggestions regarding fee schedule are as follow:

- It was suggested using a coin operating tennis court lighting system.
- Board Member concerned that special events don't include expense of on going wear and tear on turf and hardscape.
- Board member concerned that special events personnel fence off large areas of the park, and this fence off area is not for the public use.
- It was recommended the City should begin to determine what the true costs are including the indirect and direct costs. (Ms. LoMedico provided clarification on cost: Park and Recreation Department staff only administer what City Council approves on the fee schedule, and do not consider direct and indirect costs.)
- Recommend that Park and Recreation Department set limits on core hour events that are based on seniors and youth needs.
- Recommend that recreation centers pay for three hours, and receive the benefit of two hours. The other hour should go to a fund for less fortunate recreation centers. (Park and Recreation Department staff is currently looking into this recommendation.)
- Recommend finding donations, and request communities to fund programs.
- Ms. LoMedico will provide the fee report to the Park and Recreation Board Members when it is ready to be distributed to the public.

Ms. LoMedico went on record as stating she is receiving a sense the Board Members would support reasonable fee increases.

202. Overview of The Brown Act

Ms. Kim Davies, Deputy City Attorney of the City Attorney's Office provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Brown Act, and responded to Board Members questions. In summary the Brown Act focuses on the posting of the agenda, all meetings shall be open and public, actions and deliberations must be taken openly, and all persons shall be permitted to attend and participate in the meetings.

WORKSHOP

STANDING UPDATES

Business Process Re-Engineering (BPR) Update – No Update

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2009

Balboa Park Club Ballroom 2150 Pan American Road West

San Diego, CA 92101

Submitted by,

Stacey LoMedico,

Park and Recreation Director